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Notice of Inventory Completion: Arkansas Archeological Survey, Fayetteville, AR

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Arkansas Archeological Survey has completed an inventory of human remains, in consultation with the appropriate Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations, and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and present-day Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations. Lineal descendants or representatives of any Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice that wish to request transfer of control of these human remains should submit a written request to the Arkansas Archeological Survey. If no additional requestors come forward, transfer of control of the human remains to the lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, or Native Hawaiian organizations stated in this notice may proceed.

**DATES:** Lineal descendants or representatives of any Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice that wish to request transfer of control of these human remains should submit a written request with information in support of the request to the Arkansas Archeological Survey at the address in this notice by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE **FEDERAL REGISTER**].

**ADDRESSES:** Dr. George Sabo, Director, Arkansas Archeological Survey, 2475 North Hatch Avenue, Fayetteville, AR 72704, (479) 575-3556, [gsabo@uark.edu](mailto:gsabo@uark.edu).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is here given in accordance with the Native

American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003, of the completion of an inventory of human remains under the control of the Arkansas Archeological Survey, Fayetteville, AR The human remains were removed from multiple locations in the State of Arkansas.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 25 U.S.C. 3003(d)(3). The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of the Native American human remains. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

### **Consultation**

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by the Arkansas Archeological Survey professional staff in consultation with representatives of The Osage Nation (previously listed as the Osage Tribe). These human remains were inventoried and documented by Physical Anthropologists at the University of Arkansas.

### **History and description of the remains**

At an unknown date, human remains representing, at minimum, one individual were recovered from site 3BA61 in Baxter County, AR, and were donated to the Arkansas Archeological Survey in 1994. No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects were present. Diagnostic artifacts found at site 3BA61 indicate that these human remains were probably buried during the Prehistoric Period (11,650 B.C. – A.D. 1541).

At an unknown date, human remains representing, at minimum, one individual were recovered from the area of Osage Creek in Benton County, AR, and were donated to the Arkansas Archeological Survey in 2000. No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects were present. Diagnostic artifacts found in Benton County indicate that these human remains were probably buried during the Prehistoric Period (11,650 B.C. – A.D. 1541).

At an unknown date, human remains representing, at minimum, one individual were recovered from site 3BE5 in Benton County, AR, and were donated to the Arkansas Archeological Survey in the 1980s. The remains were not identified as human until 2017. No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects were present. Diagnostic artifacts found at site 3BE5 indicate that these human remains were probably buried during the Prehistoric Period (11,650 B.C. – A.D. 1541).

In 2012, human remains representing, at minimum, one individual were recovered from the Breckenridge Shelter site (3CR2) in Carroll County, AR. These remains were identified as human in 2017. No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects were present. Diagnostic artifacts found at the Breckenridge Shelter site indicate that these human remains were probably buried during the Prehistoric Period (11,650 B.C. – A.D. 1541).

In 1987, human remains representing, at minimum, one individual were recovered from site 3MA2 in Madison County, AR. No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects were present. Diagnostic artifacts found at site 3MA2 indicate that these human remains were probably buried during the Prehistoric Period (11,650 B.C. – A.D. 1541).

In 1987, human remains representing, at minimum, one individual were recovered from site 3MA9 in Madison County, AR. No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects were present. Diagnostic artifacts found at site 3MA9 indicate that these human remains were probably buried during the Prehistoric Period (11,650 B.C. – A.D. 1541).

At an unknown date, human remains representing, at minimum, two individuals were recovered from the 3 Mile Cave site in Washington County, AR, and were donated to the Arkansas Archeological Survey in 1976. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects were present. Diagnostic artifacts found in Washington County indicate that these human remains were probably buried during the Prehistoric Period (11,650 B.C. – A.D. 1541).

In 1986, human remains representing, at minimum, one individual were recovered from site 3WA582 in Washington County, AR. No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects were present. Diagnostic artifacts found in Washington County indicate that these human remains were probably buried during the Prehistoric Period (11,650 B.C. – A.D. 1541).

At an unknown date, human remains representing, at minimum, two individuals were recovered from an unknown site in Northwest Arkansas, and were donated to the Arkansas Archeological Survey in 1994. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects were present. Diagnostic artifacts found in Northwest Arkansas indicate that these human remains were probably buried during the Prehistoric Period (11,650 B.C. – A.D. 1541).

At an unknown date, human remains representing, at minimum, one individual were recovered from an unknown area in Northwest Arkansas, and were donated to the Arkansas Archeological Survey in 1994. No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects were present. Diagnostic artifacts found in Northwest Arkansas indicate that these human remains were probably buried during the Prehistoric Period (11,650 B.C. – A.D. 1541).

At an unknown date, human remains representing, at minimum, one individual were recovered from an unknown area in North Central Arkansas, and were donated to the Arkansas Archeological Survey in 2017. No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects were present. Diagnostic artifacts found in North Central Arkansas indicate that these human remains were probably buried during the Prehistoric Period (11,650 B.C. – A.D. 1541).

This notice includes a variety of terms commonly used in discussions of Arkansas archeology and the historical trajectories that gave rise to specific Native American communities identified in the historical record. Based on the archeological context for these sites and what is presently known about the peoples who pre-date the historic Osage people and occupied the sites listed in this notice, the Arkansas Archeological Survey has determined the human remains listed

in this notice are culturally affiliated with The Osage Nation (previously listed as the Osage Tribe).

#### **Determinations made by the Arkansas Archeological Survey**

Officials of the Arkansas Archeological Survey have determined that:

- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(9), the human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of 13 individuals of Native American ancestry.
- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(2), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the Native American human remains and The Osage Nation (previously listed as the Osage Tribe).

#### **Additional Requestors and Disposition**

Lineal descendants or representatives of any Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice that wish to request transfer of control of these human remains should submit a written request with information in support of the request to Dr. George Sabo, Director, Arkansas Archeological Survey, 2475 North Hatch Avenue, Fayetteville, AR 72704, (479) 575-3556, gsabo@uark.edu, by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE **FEDERAL REGISTER**]. After that date, if no additional requestors have come forward, transfer of control of the human remains to The Osage Nation (previously listed as the Osage Tribe) may proceed.

The Arkansas Archeological Survey is responsible for notifying The Osage Nation (previously listed as the Osage Tribe) that this notice has been published.

Dated: October 11, 2017.  
Melanie O'Brien,  
Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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